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~~This invention provides~~ A karaoke system that reduces declination between playing of a melody signaling an incoming call and displaying characters or pictures. To this end, the karaoke system ~~of this invention~~ plays a karaoke song ~~comprising~~ including contents with karaoke event data, and synchronization of karaoke events are achieved by executing the events described in time order in the contents of the karaoke by following a timing dictated by synchronization data.